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SUBJ:ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICALSECURITY OFFICE IN  
NORTH AFRICA

RABAT FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DASS DIKEOS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CONNOLLY: CASABLANCA FOR CG

1. IN MID L973, SY MADE THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A  
TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE IN CASABLANCA. POST INDICATED  
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT TECHNICAL SECURITY OPERATION AT THAT  
TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, SY WAS  
FORCED TO ABANDON THAT PLAN.

2. TECHNICAL SECURITY SERVICES FOR ALL NORTH AFRICAN POSTS  
ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE RTC IN BEIRUT. HOWEVER,  
DEMANDS OF POSTS CLOSE TO BEIRUT, RECENT CIVIL  
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DISRUPTIONS IN BEIRUT AND LACK OF DIRECT FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THAT POST TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES TO NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. WITH INCREASING DEMANDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO COMBAT TERRORISM, SY IS ONCE AGAIN STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE ON THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST, CLOSE TO THE POSTS THAT IT WOULD SERVICE. CASABLANCA AND TUNIS ARE THE ONLY VIABLE LOCATIONS DUE TO THE EXCELLENT DIRECT FLIGHT CONNECTIONS TO OTHER POINTS IN THE AREA.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO KNOW IF CASABLANCA STILL HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE TO ACCEPT A TECHNICAL SECURITY OPERATION, AND A WILLINGNESS TO DO SO.

5. ENVISIONED IS AN OFFICE COMPOSED OF TWO TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS AND TWO U.S. NAVY SEABEES. NORMAL OPERATIONS WOULD REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERCENT OF A SECRETARY'S WEEK, WITH OCCASIONS OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT WORKLOAD. THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED MINIMAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOUR MEN OFFICE PLUS SECRETARY:

- A. OFFICE SPACE                      3 OFFICES
- B. ELECTRONIC LAB AND STAGING AREA   400 SQUARE FEET MIN.
- C. PHOTO LAB                      100 SQUARE FEET MIN.
- D. EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA        400 SQUARE FEET MIN.
- E. SEABEE WORKSHOP                400 SQUARE FEET MIN.

BECAUSE OF THE CLASSIFIED CORRESPONDENCE AND TECHNICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT USED BY THE OFFICE, AREAS A, B, AND C SHOULD BE AFFORDED SECURE AREA PROTECTION. AREA D COULD BE ANY GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE SPACE WHERE HIGH VALUE EQUIPMENT COULD SAFELY BE PROTECTED. AREA E SHOULD BE SUITABLE FOR UTILIZATION OF FEW WOOD AND METAL WORKING MACHINES WITHIN CONSULATE.

6. OFFICERS AND SEABEES WOULD CONDUCT FREQUENT AND EXTENSIVE TRAVEL FROM CASABLANCA TO OTHER NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY SOME POSTS IN IBERIA. THEREFORE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT FOR FREQUENT PERSONNEL TRAVEL, AND PROCESSING OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING POUCHES OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. SY WILL PROGRAM FOR ONE CARRYALL VEHICLE FOR THIS OPERATION.

7. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE REQUIRED SPACE AND SUPPORT DISCUSSED BETWEEN MR. BRUBECK AND MR. FISCHER OF SY/T ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN LATE 1973 WOULD BE IDEAL FOR TSO

OPERATION.

8. EARLY CONSIDERATION AND TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE TO THIS  
PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE  
ESTIMATE OF FUNDS POST WOULD REQUIRE TO SUPPORT THIS  
OPERATION IF PROPOSAL FOUND ACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER

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